

CLAIM AMENDMENTSListing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

I. (Currently Amended) A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:

- (a) a fixed component;
- (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
- (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the movable component relative to the fixed component;
- (d) a foot attached to the movable component and pivotable relative thereto;
- (e) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
- (f) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engagable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and
- (d) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together.

wherein the secondary attachment member is secured by a second fastener that is adapted to extend at least through a side rail of the ladder and is coupled to a rod adapted to traverse the ladder from one side rail to another side rail.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the fixed component comprises a guiding means for guiding the movement of the movable component, wherein the guiding means is in the form of a housing, channel or at least one pair of brackets.

4. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 3 wherein the guiding means comprises a housing.

5. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 4 wherein the housing comprises an elongate continuous enclosed hollow tube.

6-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The support or accessory apparatus of claim [[12]] 1 wherein the rod is adapted to be located within an adjacent rung of the ladder.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the primary attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.

16. (Previously Presented) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the primary attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket.

17. (Original) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 15 wherein the peg is slidable within the socket.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein said at least one fastener comprises a locking pin coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled spring applying a force to bias the pin into the mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member.

20. (Previously Presented) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one fastener comprises a locking ring having a bent portion projecting inward towards the ring and adapted to be inserted through the mating aperture or groove in the primary attachment member or the secondary attachment member.

21. (Currently Amended) A ladder or scaffolding assembly comprising:
- (i) a ladder or scaffolding;
  - (ii) a support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:
    - (a) a fixed component;
    - (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
    - (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased to be inserted into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
    - (d) a foot attached to the movable component and pivotable relative thereto;
    - (e) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
    - (f) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and
    - (g) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together, and

wherein the at least one fastener comprises a locking ring comprising a bent portion projecting inward towards the ring and is spring biased to be inserted through the mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member.

22-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The ladder or scaffolding assembly of claim 21 wherein the primary attachment member is a peg and the secondary attachment member is a socket.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The ladder or scaffolding assembly of claim 24 wherein the at least one fastener comprises a locking pin coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled spring applying a force to bias the pin into the mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member.

27-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 1, wherein the securing pin is coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled spring applying force to bias the securing pin into the mating aperture or groove located on the movable component.

32. (Currently Amended) The ladder or scaffolding assembly of claim 21, wherein the securing pin is coupled to a coiled spring, the coiled spring applying force to bias the securing pin into the mating aperture or groove located on the movable component.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Currently Amended) The ladder or scaffolding assembly of claim 21 wherein the primary attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.

35. (New) A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:

- (a) a fixed component;
- (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
- (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
- (d) a foot attached to the movable component and pivotable relative thereto;
- (e) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
- (f) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member, and

(g) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together,

wherein the at least one fastener comprises a locking ring having a bent portion projecting inward towards the ring and adapted to be inserted through the mating aperture or groove in the primary attachment member or the secondary attachment member.

36. (New) A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:

- (a) a fixed component;
- (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
- (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
- (d) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
- (e) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member, and
- (f) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together,

wherein the secondary attachment member is secured by a second fastener that is adapted to extend at least through the side rail of the ladder and is coupled to a rod adapted to traverse the ladder from one side rail to another side rail.

37. (New) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 36 wherein the rod is adapted to be located within an adjacent rung of the ladder.

38. (New) A support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:

- (a) a fixed component;
- (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
- (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
- (d) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
- (e) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member, and
- (f) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together,



wherein the at least one fastener comprises a locking ring having a bent portion projecting inward towards the ring and adapted to be inserted through the mating aperture or groove in the primary attachment member or the secondary attachment member.

39. (New) A ladder or scaffolding assembly comprising:
- (i) a ladder or scaffolding;
  - (ii) a support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:
    - (a) a fixed component;
    - (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
    - (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased to be inserted into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
    - (d) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;
    - (e) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and
    - (f) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together;

wherein the least one fastener comprises a locking ring comprising a bent portion projecting inward towards the ring and is spring biased to be inserted through the mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member.

40. (New) The ladder or scaffolding assembly of claim 39 wherein the primary attachment member is a socket and the secondary attachment member is a peg.

41. (New) A ladder or scaffolding assembly comprising:

- (i) a ladder or scaffolding;
- (ii) a support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:
  - (a) a fixed component;
  - (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
  - (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased to be inserted into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;
  - (d) a foot attached to the movable component and pivotable relative thereto;
  - (e) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;

(f) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and

(g) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together, and

wherein the secondary attachment member is secured by a second fastener that is adapted to extend at least through the side rail of the ladder and is coupled to a rod adapted to traverse the ladder from one side rail to another side rail.

42. (New) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 41 wherein the rod is adapted to be located within an adjacent rung of the ladder.

43. (New) A ladder or scaffolding assembly comprising:

- (i) a ladder or scaffolding;
- (ii) a support or accessory apparatus for a ladder or scaffolding comprising:
  - (a) a fixed component;
  - (b) a movable component capable of telescopic movement relative to the fixed component and securable at a desired position relative thereto;
  - (c) a securing pin located on the fixed component and spring biased to be inserted into a mating aperture or groove located on the movable component, wherein

the securing pin when inserted into the mating aperture or groove secures the moveable component relative to the fixed component;

(d) a primary attachment member connected to the fixed component;

(c) a secondary attachment member securable to the ladder or scaffolding and engageable in a peg-socket relationship with the primary attachment member; and

(f) a lock comprising at least one fastener spring biased into a mating aperture or groove on at least one of the primary attachment member and secondary attachment member to thereby retain the primary attachment member and the secondary attachment member together;

wherein the secondary attachment member is secured by a second fastener that is adapted to extend at least through the side rail of the ladder and is coupled to a rod adapted to traverse the ladder from one side rail to another side rail.

44. (New) The support or accessory apparatus of claim 43 wherein the rod is adapted to be located within an adjacent rung of the ladder.